

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 97-7-14**

Date Prepared: July 10, 1997

For Work Week Commencing: July 14, 1997

Business Meeting Date & Time: July 14, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. MPC Docket D96.2.22/SB396 - To discuss matters as may be necessary, including possible motion and update on restructuring rules (7/15/97)
2. Yellowstone Pipeline Docket D97.3.54 - Approval of final order (7/15/97)
3. PSC vs USWC Settlement Agreement Docket N-93-14 - Discuss and get approval of a second addendum to the settlement agreement (7/15/97)
4. USWC Docket D97.5.87 - Approval for late intervention; direction to issue procedural order (7/15/97)
5. MDU Docket D97.3.43 - Consider whether to approve MDU's application to revise its twice yearly gas tracking case to a monthly (under certain conditions) tracker (7/15/97)
6. Weekly Scheduling Meeting - Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. ENERGY WEST - Docket D97.6.112 (Eric)

On June 26, 1997, EW filed an application seeking authority to issue and sell not more than \$8,000,000 in long-term debt securities. The Company notes that it has expanded its plant in Ulm, Cascade and West Yellowstone, Montana. It has also acquired the distribution system in Payson, Arizona. The Company believes that its level of short-term debt and favorable interest rates make this an appropriate time to convert its short-term debt into long-term securities. A default order has been drafted.

2. MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS - Docket N97.6.109 (Nina)

On June 25, 1997, MCI Telecommunications Corp., filed Transmittal Letter No. 97-11 proposing to make text changes to the Intralata PBX Reprogramming Promotion and the 1+ Local Toll Promotion. This was a notice item 7/7/97, and staff recommends approval.

3. US WEST - Docket N97.6.110 (Bonnie)

US WEST has filed Tariff Transmittal 97-22 with modifications to the terms and conditions of the Guaranteed Rate Calling Connection Plan. The filing changes the usage thresholds--adding an option for a 35 hour usage minimum and adjusting rates to lower levels for less than 250 hours. The filing was made to adjust for potential customer impacts of the EAS conversions scheduled during 1997.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, PO Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. SPRINT - Docket N97.7.118 (Nina)

On July 7, 1997, Sprint Communications filed tariff changes to introduce Sprint Prepaid FONCARD Service; and change the Spree Instant FONCARD text.

2. HOT SPRINGS TELEPHONE CO. - Docket N97.6.107 (Kate)

On July 7, 1997, Hot Springs Telephone Co. filed to correct its local public access line tariff that was approved by the Commission on an interim basis last month by revising its rate for "dumb" local public access line service from \$22/month to \$17/month. The new rate is the same as the one-party business rate.

3. CLARK FORK TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC - Docket N97.6.114(Bonnie)

On June 30, 1997, Clark Fork Telecommunications, Inc. filed tariff revisions listing enhanced Internet access charges allowing multiple logins with greater access speeds in the larger CFT exchanges - Thompson Falls, Superior and Plains.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 97-7-21

Docket N97.7.118 SPRINT (Nina)

Docket N97.6.107 HOT SPRINGS TELEPHONE CO. (Kate)

Docket N97.6.114 CLARK FORK TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC (Bonnie)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N97.7.117 MPC Light Loading of Qualifying Facilities Plants

N97.7.118 Sprint Communications - Revisions to the Spree Instant FONCARD text and intro of Sprint prepaid FONCARD service